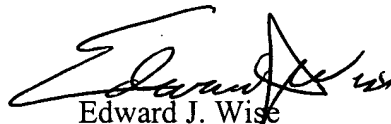## REMARKS

The above change to the specification is being made to correct the miss-identification of Japanese Patent Application NO. 2000-90629 as being proposed by the present Applicants, when in fact it was intended to refer to the common assignee. The present error resulted from the fact that the <u>Applicant</u> of Japanese Patent Application NO. 2000-90629 was the assignee, MINOLTA CO., LTD., who is also the assignee of the present application. However, in the U.S., only an inventor(s) can be an applicant(s) of a patent application, not an assignee.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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AMENDED SPEC W/ MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 14, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0070]   Then, the obtained three-dimensional shape data are converted into a structured three-dimensional model. For the conversion, it is possible to employ methods disclosed in Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication 8-297751 and Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-328440, and a method disclosed in Japanese Patent Application NO. 2000-90629, filed in the Japanese Patent Office by the assignee of the present application [proposed by the present applicant], for example.